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Thanks

- .. To those who attended this week's prize giving.
- .. To those who attended our parent helpers morning tea.
- .. To those helping in any way whatsoever with end of year events.
- .. To those who have offered to host international students in their homes next year.

People of the week

- .. all of those students who stepped onto the stage at our 2012 Prize Giving - and their parents.
- .. Elizabeth who achieved top out of 40 students in a recent suzuki violin recital - performing from the highest number of charts (each chart requiring 28 days practice). What an achievement Elizabeth!
- .. Ellie who got 6 placings and reserve Champion on her pony at the Whangarei A&P Show.

Congratulations

- .. Former students Luke Baker and Steven Nink who have been appointed head boys at Kamo High School for next year.

School finishes

18 December final day of school (.. finish mid-day)

Term Dates 2013

Term 1 - 4 February to 19 April

Term 2 - 6 May to 12 July

Term 3 - 29 July to 27 September

Term 4 - 14 October to (approx) 17 December

Final day of School

Please note that school will finish at 12:00 (mid-day) on Tuesday 18 December. Although buses will run around 3 hours earlier on this day please expect some variation in drop off time as it is impossible to predict loadings on the final day of school. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please.

Holiday Reading Programme

If you have not yet received a letter outlining our holiday reading programme you will receive this shortly. We would strongly encourage your child's participation in this programme ..

- .. to ensure recent literacy gains are sustained
 - .. to position the children for a new reading initiative planned for next year
- Just a reminder that reading material can be accessed through the public library or will be supplied through our school library before term's end. Any questions please to Mrs Robertson.

Year 7 and 8 Camp 2013

Parents of prospective year 7 and 8 students will know that Camp Auckland is scheduled for week 6 of term 1 (11-15 March). Parents are asked to return the "Expression of Interest" forms sent out earlier. Costs will be kept to a minimum but there will be a likely cost to families of around \$210 per student. Any questions please to Mr D.

Lost Property

We will do our best to reunite children with lost property items but parents are also encouraged to drop by to look through the lost property bin (kept between rooms 10 and 11). Please note that items left unclaimed at terms' end will be donated to charities.

2013 School Stationery

As for 2012, stationery will need to be ordered online via the OfficeMax website - www.myschool.co.nz



Search for Matarau School and then your child's class. You will find complete class stationery lists with unit prices. **Again as for 2012, the school has passed on its reward points to families, gaining you a further 10% cost advantage (the only school in NZ that has done this).** Orders can be placed across the holidays for delivery before school starts. A brochure with current specials is included with this newsletter. If you do not have internet access please contact Helen for a printed list.

School Security

Please assist by keeping a close eye on the school over the holidays. If you notice anything suspicious please phone United Security (4301992) or Steve Martin (4335061) and take registration numbers of suspicious vehicles. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Departing staff

Don't forget to take the time to say goodbye to Mrs Williams and Mrs Dow next week. Teachers love to hear about the difference they have made.

Classes for 2013

Class lists for 2013 are displayed on the hall notice board.

Staffing for 2013

The Board is pleased to announce 2013 staffing as follows ..

Teaching staff			Support staff
Room 2	Mrs Robertson	Year 1 (starting in term 2)	Teacher Aides
Room 3	Mrs Marvin	Year 1	Mrs Neumann
Room 4	Mrs Walker	Year 1	Mrs Nisha
Room 5	Mrs Abbott / Mrs Sloper	Year 2	Mrs Crawford
Room 6	Miss Bevin	Year 2	Mrs Wynyard
Room 7	Mrs Milicich	Year 3	Information Technology
Room 8	Miss Williams	Year 4	Mrs Sullivan
Room 9	Mr Schuster	Year 5	Administration
Room 10	Mrs Greenfield / Mrs Burgin	Year 6	Mrs Dorahy
Room 11	Mrs Donaldson	Year 7 and 8	Mrs Cates (ESOL)
Room 12	Mr Delemare	Year 7 and 8	Mrs Sinclair
Class/student support Mrs Gunson.			Caretaker / Grounds
Special needs Mrs Comrie (ESOL)			Mr Palmer
Dep. Principal - Mr Delemare / Assis. Principal Mrs Robertson			

A Final Special Thanks to

Our sponsors for their generous Contributions to our School

Staff for efforts, beyond the call of duty

The Board for its unswerving dedication to duty

Children for striving to attain your goals (and for supporting others towards the same end)

To the many parents etc. who have given their time to help in classrooms, camp, sports days, transport

To those who have given us the benefit of the doubt when things didn't quite turn out right.

We have plenty of exciting things planned for next year including a focus on mathematics, initiatives for gifted and talented students, an expansion in our after school learning programmes, new learning support initiatives, new assessment tools and more. We look forward to sharing these with you in the New Year.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas. Best wishes to those who end their association with us this year - we hope you will reflect positively on your period of involvement with our school.

Regards,
Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

Our Sponsors support your
children, please support



GOODBYE ROOM 8

You are a great bunch of nice, helpful, cheerful, caring, hard working and clever children (Crocky is crying already).

Thank you to you, parents, for your ongoing support, so together we can set the right foundation for a happy life for your children.

Mrs Scheibmair (and Crocky)

Community Notices

Wanted to rent: 2-3 bedroom house, in Matarau School zone for a couple and two young children. Very responsible tenants. Phone or text Toni on 4351041 or 0211737221

For Sale - Jack Russell puppies. Ready for Christmas \$250. Can hold till after Christmas. Ph Jenny 4355336 or 0273258617.

For Sale - Rabbit hutch with 2x mini-lop male rabbits (5-6 months). Tel 9460295.

For Sale – Sheep Manure. Fundraiser to go to Molesworth Station. Call Michelle Martin on 4335061

KAMO AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave, Kamo. *New members wanted.* **Stroke improvement classes** - Monday & Friday afternoons from 4.30pm For further enquiries contact Chris 433 5099 or Helen 433 5823 or Sharon 027 631 9361

Free 5 day School holidays learn-to-surf program for 11 to 17 year olds. Sandy Bay Tutukaka Coast Choose dates : Dec 17- 21 2012, or Jan 7-11, or 14-18, or 21-25 2013. Book now: Phone 434 4135 or email surf@tutukakasurf.co.nz

NYT Production – “The Blue Airplane” – 5th to 15th December 2012; for more info or tickets phone 438 4453 or email nytproduction@gmail.com

Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics (WAGS) new premises at the ASB Arena on Park Ave, Kensington. Lots more space, more classes - for all ages, toddlers, boys and girls. If you are interested, please ph our office on 4352990 or check out our new website www.wags.org.nz

Cartooning workshops at the Quarry Arts Centre from 21st January, 1/2 day at \$30. Phone 431 2029 or <http://www.zengrenade.com/>

Grazing available in the Hikurangi area for up to 65 heifers, prefer R1yr and older - ph 433 8664"

Hurupaki Educare School Holiday Programmes *Pre Christmas Holiday Programme* - We will be opening on 19th, 20th & 21st December, in the Hurupaki School Hall, 8am to 5.30pm. *January Holiday Programme* - From Monday 7th January, 8.00am to 5.30pm. Trips include the movies, lion park, Glenbervie Adventure Forest, day trips to Reotahi and Wellington's Bay, Barge Park and more. OSCAR accredited, families can apply for WINZ assistance. Contact Christine on 0274821331.

Come down to 105 Cameron St. For the grotto experience. Fairies, elves and Santa.
Opening with a Gala Day Saturday 15th Dec.

Then the Grotto is open from
Monday 17th December to Saturday 22nd December - 10am to 12noon and 1pm to 4pm.
Gold coin donation. Photos available.

**HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY
HOLIDAY**

**SEE YOU ON THE
4TH FEBRUARY 2013**

*Don't forget to get -+ your
stationery online*